

Disposition of Cases of Major Delinquents.—The disposition of cases by the various courts depends on the practices within the courts and on the facilities for court supervision, for institutional care and other services for delinquent children. Practices may vary between courts or from year to year in the same court but generally the disposition of cases remains much the same. Placing the child on probation of the court or of his parents and suspended sentences accounted for more than one-half of the disposition of cases for major offences in 1948. The cases sent to training schools represented 14 p.c.

10.—Disposition of Delinquents Convicted of Major Offences, with Percentages of Total Major Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1922-36 are given at pp. 259-260 of the 1947 Year Book and for 1937-38 at p. 294 of the 1948-49 edition.

Year	Reprimanded		Probation of Court		Protection of Parents		Fined or Made Restitution		Detained Indefinitely		Sent to Training School		Final Disposition Suspended		Corporal Punishment	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
1939.....	404	8.0	1,631	32.5	28	0.6	228	4.5	119	2.4	639	12.7	1,941	38.7	28	0.6
1940.....	296	5.6	2,108	39.8	33	0.6	281	5.3	111	2.1	785	14.8	1,643	31.0	41	0.8
1941.....	422	6.8	2,836	45.7	130	2.1	411	6.7	108	1.7	820	13.2	1,442	23.2	35	0.6
1942.....	432	6.2	1,984	28.7	83	1.2	854	12.3	96	1.5	847	12.2	2,573	37.2	51	0.7
1943.....	464	7.1	1,798	27.7	140	2.2	1,001	15.4	92	1.4	906	14.0	2,041	31.4	52	0.8
1944.....	395	6.0	1,745	26.7	112	1.7	1,545	23.7	83	1.3	838	12.8	1,747	26.8	64	1.0
1945.....	352	6.1	1,581	27.5	109	1.9	1,514	26.3	54	0.9	753	13.1	1,372	23.8	23	0.4
1946.....	233	4.7	1,433	29.0	67	1.3	1,207	24.4	48	1.0	720	14.5	1,213	24.5	28	0.6
1947.....	182	3.9	1,417	30.3	69	1.5	1,256	26.8	34	0.7	663	14.1	1,038	22.2	24	0.5
1948.....	248	5.4	1,457	31.7	55	1.2	1,101	24.0	38	0.8	628	13.7	1,052	22.9	12	0.3

Section 3.—Minor Delinquencies

Convictions for minor offences, like those of major offences, have declined steadily since 1942. In 1948, 29 p.c. of the boys and girls brought to court for minor misdemeanours were charged with incorrigibility. Bicycle infractions were the next most numerous for both boys and girls, accounting for 16 p.c. of the total. For boys, disorderly conduct and vagrancy came third numerically, and for girls it was truancy; the latter offence was fourth for boys.

11.—Convictions of Juveniles for Minor Offences, by Types of Offence, with Percentages of Total Minor Convictions, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1922-36 are given at p. 261 of the 1947 Year Book and for 1937-38 at p. 295 of the 1948-49 edition.

Year	Traffic Regulations		Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace		Incorrigibility		Truancy		Vagrancy and Wandering Away from Home		Other Minor Offences		Total Minor Offences	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
1939.....	273	10.5	454	17.5	761	29.3	264	10.2	138	5.3	705	27.2	2,595	100.0
1940.....	399	12.7	604	19.3	951	30.4	289	9.2	125	4.0	765	24.4	3,133	100.0
1941.....	835	20.4	501	12.2	1,145	27.9	366	8.9	209	5.1	1,050	25.5	4,106	100.0
1942.....	994	20.6	418	8.6	1,275	26.4	348	7.2	360	7.4	1,443	29.8	4,838	100.0
1943.....	463	12.2	283	7.4	984	25.9	372	9.8	435	11.4	1,265	33.3	3,802	100.0
1944.....	637	18.8	199	5.8	838	25.8	498	14.7	267	7.9	914	27.0	3,388	100.0
1945.....	487	15.5	216	6.8	838	26.6	424	13.5	222	7.0	964	30.6	3,151	100.0
1946.....	537	18.5	341	11.7	745	25.6	352	12.1	149	5.2	783	26.9	2,907	100.0
1947.....	600	21.0	300	10.5	652	22.8	327	11.4	193	6.7	790	27.6	2,862	100.0
1948.....	523	20.4	294	11.5	716	27.9	239	9.3	77	3.0	715	27.9	2,564	100.0